environmental issues would function, interact and endeavour to resolve habitat related problems in a coordinated manner. The Centre is managed by a Governing Council drawn up from among its members. Membership is decided by a committee drawn from the Governing Council based on the criteria referred to above.

Status of the Chairman of NMFDC

*162. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the Chairman of National Minorities Financial Development Corporation; and

(b) the achievements of the Corporation under his leadership, so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): The Chairman of NMFDC is one of the Directors on the Board of Directors. Therefore, he has the same status as that of any Director. But, as Chairman, he presides over I he meetings of the Board of Directors.

(b) A statement on the performance of the Corporation is annexed.

Statement

Government has set up a National Minorities Development & Finance Corpn (NMDFC) with an authorised share capital of Rs. 500 crores which was registered on 30.9.94 under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Shri Mohd. Hidayatullah Khan, former Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assambly and former Cabinet Minister Govt, of Bihar has been appointed as Chairman of NMDFC on 2.1.1995.

The Govt, of India's contribution to the equity of NMDFC would be restricted to 25% of the paid up share capital and balance share holding will be acquired by the State Govts/ Corporations and other institutions individuals having interest in the development of minorities.

In order to give a head start to the Corporation the Ministry of Welfare released Rs. 50 crores to the Corporation during 1994-95. An amount of Rs. 39 crores has been allocated for the current year.

As far the State Govts., only the state of Uttar Pradesh has provided Rs. 6.95 crores towards the equity of NMDFC, through its Corporation. The Govt, of Kerala has sanctioned Rs. 1 crore as contribution towards the share capital of NMDFC. The States of Bihar and Andhra Pradesh have informed that they would be contributing Rs. 5 crore and Rs. 1 crore respectively, towards the share capital. The States of Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh have also agreed in principle to contribute towards the equity of NMDFC.

Guidelines have been issued to-States/ UT Admns. for submission of proposals for obtaining loans from NMDFC through the State Minorities Finance Corpns./Channelising Agencies. For this purpose, all States/UTs were requested to nominate channelising agencies. All the State/UT Admns. except the six states of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Meghalaya, Orissa, Sikkim and West Bengal have nominated channelising agencies.

By 1st August, 1995 the NMDFC had sanctioned loan amount to Rs. 67.40 crores with NMDFC's share of Rs. 44.18 crores to the State of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh, Tripura and Bihar. An amount of Rs. 31.02 crores has been released so far. This will help in establishing 15,129 units covering 16,251 beneficiaries.

Maintaining Lawns in Front of Government Quarters

*163. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD (Horticulture) is expected to maintain the growing and cutting of grass in lawns in front of the quarters in Government colonies, at regular intervals;

(b) whether CPWD (Horticulture) is also expected to grow hedges in front of the quarters and in the lawns and to trim them on regular intervals;

(c) if so, whether the CPWD (Horticulture) is performing this duty to the satisfcation of

the residents; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any supervision is maintained on the staff posted for such duty to make them accountable; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All efforts are made for performing this duty to the satisfaction of the residents.

(d) Yes, Sir. The work is being supervised at various levels i.e. by the Choudhary, Sectional officer (Horticulture), Asstt. Director of Horticulture and Deputy Director of Horticulture.

Rajasthan's Share in Ganga Flood Waters

*164. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Rajasthan has since long beea claiming its share in flood waters of Ganga;

(b) if so, whether the Central Water Commission has so far processed/assessed the water requirement of Rajasthan in consultation with the concerned authorities/technical experts; and

(c) the present stage of water supply and the action taken by Central Water Commission, on Rajasthan Government's requests dated 1 Oth May, 1993 and 4th July, 1994 to share from Ganga water and to State's share in Inter-State waters, as per Chief Minister's requests of 30th June, 1994 and 7th October, 1994 and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Rajasthan has been asking for diversion of some flood waters of Ganga for use in that State.

(b) Central Water Commission so far has not processed/assessed the water requirement of Rajasthan.

(c) As directed by Ganga Flood Control Boards Central Water Commission carried out a study to assess the surplus flood water of Ganga at Raiwala and Narora. The study revealed that sufficient water was not available in river Ganga ex-Naiwala or Ex-Narora for more than 20-30 days in a year for divesion to Rajasthan.

Government of Rajasthan vide letters dated 10th May, 1993 and 4th July, 1994, had requested Central Water Commission to conduct further studies with the help of data to be furnished by Uttar Pradesh. Central Water Commission had been pursuing the matter with Uttar Pradesh for expediting the supply of relevant data.

Rajasthan Chief Minister's letters of 30th June, 1994 and 7th October, 1994 are regarding Rajasthan's share in surplus Ravi-Beas waters. Inter-State agreement, 1981 on surplus Ravi-Beas water provides that out of Rajasthan's share of 10.608 BCM (8.6 MAF), 0.74 BCM (0.6 MAF) would be made available to Punjab till Rajasthan is in a position to use all the water allocated to it. As per the progress by Rajasthan only 12% area is being irrigated in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II against the total planned area of 9.50 lakh ha. Hence restoration of 0.74 BCM (0.6 MAF) to Rajasthan does not arise at this stage.

स्टील शिप ब्रेकिंग और काप्टिंग इकाइयां स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव

*165. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या मैटल स्क्रैप ट्रडिंग कारपोरेशन मुम्बई और काण्डला में स्टील शिप ब्रेकिंग और कास्टिंग इकाइयां स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या इस प्रयोजनार्थ किसी भूमि का अधिग्रहरण किया गया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।